

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides a polyester film for release film which makes it possible to conduct accurate inspections of polarizing plates by the crossed nicols method and can also inhibit transfer of the polyester oligomers into the adhesive layer.

A polyester film for release film having a coating layer on at least one surface thereof with defects of not more than 50 per  $\text{m}^2$ , which polyester film has such properties that the amount of polyester oligomers extracted from the surface of said coating layer after 10-minute heat treatment at 150°C is not more than 0.3 mg/ $\text{m}^2$ , and the inclination of the principal axis of orientation (angle of orientation) of the film is not more than 8°; a release film for polarizing plate comprising the above-said film and a release layer provided thereon; and a polyester film for polarizing plate protective film comprising the above-said film.